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SUBJ: DISCLOSURE OF EFFORTS BY TELFORD TAYLOR TO APPEAL  
COVICTIONS OF SOVIET JEWS

REF: TEL AVIV 7413 (12/23/74)

1. ISRAELI PRESS APRIL 8 CARRIED STORY OF SECRET EFFORTS BY  
PROFESSOR TELFORD TAYLOR AND GROUP OF U.S. LAW PROFESSORS  
TO APPEAL COVICTION OF SOVIET JEWS ON GROUNDS THAT JAIL  
SENTENCES WERE IN VIOLATION OF SOVIET LAW.

2. PRESS ATTRIBUTED STORY TO ZALMAN ABRAMOV, MEMBER OF  
KNESSET AND HEAD OF PUBLIC COUNCIL FOR SOVIET JEWRY, WHO  
REPORTEDLY SAID THAT TAYLOR'S WORK HAD BEEN KEPT SECRET  
IN HOPE THAT RUSSIANS MIGHT BE RESPONSIVE IF THE TEAM DID  
NOT MAKE ITS WORK PUBLIC. HOWEVER, ACCORDING STORY AS  
APPEARED JERUSALEM POST, RUSSIANS DID NOT TAKE ANY ACTION  
ON BASIS OF DOCUMENTS PRESENTED TO THEM, AND PROFESSOR  
TAYLOR DECIDED TO BRING THE FACTS BEFORE " THE COURT OF  
WORLD OPINION."

3. PRESS ACCOUNTS GAVE BACKGROUND TO EFFORTS BY TAYLOR AND  
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COLLEAGUES IN COLLECTING INFORMATION ON ARREST AND CON-

VICTION OF SOVIET JEWS, UNSUCCESSFUL MEETINGS WITH SOVIET  
UNION PROCURATOR ROMAN RUDENKO TO ARRANGE LEGAL APPEALS,  
AND EXAMPLES OF ARRESTS AND CONVICTIONS WHICH TAYLOR DESCRIBED  
AS " WHOLLY CONTRIVED AND CONCOCTED."

4. REFTTEL PROVIDED ACCOUNT OF VISIT BY TAYLOR TO EMBASSY  
WELL BEFORE HIS EFFORTS WERE MADE PUBLIC.  
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